

**STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)
ON EARLY INTERVENTION**

MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, September 27, 2002
Radisson La Jolla
La Jolla, CA

ICC MEMBERS PRESENT

Raymond M. Peterson, M.D., Chair
Jim Bellotti, CDE
Sylvia Carlisle, M.D.
George Chance, DSS
Arleen Downing, M.D.
Toni Gonzales
Hedy Hansen
Gretchen Hester
Joy Higa, DMHC
Rick Ingraham, DDS
Cynthia Jaynes, DADP
Hallie Morrow, M.D., DHS
Marie Kanne Poulsen, Ph.D.
Theresa Rossini
Elaine Fogel Schneider, Ph.D.

ICC MEMBERS ABSENT

Michelle Douyon-Davis
Kerry Mazzoni

CALL TO ORDER

Raymond M. Peterson, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.
It was noted that a quorum of ICC members was in attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Peterson welcomed the newly appointed ICC members to the meeting. ICC members, community representatives, staff, and members of the audience provided self-introductions. Dr. Peterson thanked the Public Awareness Committee (PAC) for hosting the Newcomer's Orientation meeting.

AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2002 ICC MINUTES

The minutes of the July 2002 meeting were approved as written.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Peterson thanked DDS staff for preparing the comprehensive information in the ICC meeting packet. In addition to agendas and previous meeting minutes, the packet includes valuable information about recent reports and developments in the field of early intervention and how to access additional resource information. The ICC packet also includes updated roster information and additional website addresses.

Dr. Peterson announced that the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC) National Conference would begin on Monday, November 4th and conclude on Wednesday, November 6th, 2002. Dr. Peterson, Hedy Hansen, and Theresa Rossini will attend the conference representing the ICC. In the event that an ICC member is unable to attend, the first alternate is Toni Gonzales and the second alternate is Gretchen Hester. Rick Ingraham and Jim Bellotti will attend the conference representing DDS and CDE, respectively.

Dr. Peterson acknowledged Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen for having her work accepted for presentation at the 8th World Congress on Infant Mental Health in Amsterdam and thanked her for providing this presentation to the ICC.

STAFF REPORT

Cheri Schoenborn reported that the next ICC meeting would be in Sacramento at the Red Lion's Sacramento Inn. The government rate is available until October 24, 2002. For reservations please contact the Red Lion's Sacramento Inn directly at (916) 922-8041. Participants needing assistance with travel arrangements may contact Barbara Ferreira at 916-654-2767.

Ms. Schoenborn reported that the ICC members have received an ICC Orientation Handbook and acknowledged the ICC and DDS staff for developing this resource. The Handbook contains the ICC's mission statement, information on membership and meetings, bylaws, the Bagley-Keene Act and a section of ICC recommendations to DDS.

Ms. Schoenborn discussed considerations for coordinating the next off-site planning meeting for ICC members. Dr. Peterson requested that Ms. Schoenborn develop a questionnaire to assist in coordinating ICC member's schedules, location preferences, and other accommodations that may be needed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON INFANT MENTAL HEALTH

Dr. Peterson introduced Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen and noted that this special presentation was also given at the 8th World Congress on Infant Mental Health in Amsterdam in May 2002. Dr. Peterson acknowledged Dr. Poulsen's work as Co-Chair of the Quality Assurance, Program and Personnel Standards Committee (QAPPSC) and her contributions to the ICC's proposed Early Start Personnel Model.

Dr. Poulsen described infant mental health as a preventative process that supports the mother-child dyad and the family. However, she stated as a preventative process, infant mental health involves all of those who touch a baby or vulnerable child. Without

intervention these children run the risk of having social-emotional and/or regulatory challenges later in life.

Dr. Poulson provided background on the development of the Infant-Family Mental Health Initiative (IFMHI). The Legislature appropriated funds for the IFMHI in 1998-99. The project began as a collaborative effort involving four pilot county departments of mental health and their interagency community partners in the development of early mental health services and relationship-based early intervention for children from birth to five and their families. Models were developed to increase the capacity of the public mental health system to serve infants and toddlers and their families with emerging relationship difficulties and related mental health problems. WestEd administered the project and provided training, technical assistance, consultation and support to each pilot county and on a statewide level. With the addition of funding from the California Children and Families Commission, the project has expanded to include eight counties at this time.

All disciplines need to be involved in providing caregivers with anticipatory and developmental guidance regarding children's social emotional regulation. In California, personnel standards ensure that all disciplines have the proper license, certificate or credential to provide early intervention services, however interventionists must also be trained in relationship-based attitudes, skills, and knowledge to work effectively with the mother-child dyad. Parent-professional partnerships are critical, it is important to always have a parent as a member of the team.

Currently, the system faces several challenges related to infant-family mental health. Parents often do not know how to access help regarding the social emotional health needs of their babies. Developmental guidance issues are not often seen as significant until they have escalated to a crisis level. It is difficult for pediatricians to provide anticipatory guidance in a managed care environment where time and resources may be limited. These challenges make it critical that all of us who work with infants and toddlers and their families take a role in supporting the mother-child relationship.

The Department of Mental Health traditionally served children with only severe and/or medically necessary mental health issues. A companion piece to the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – Fourth Edition* (DSM-IV) for young children is called the *Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders in Infancy and Early Childhood* (DC:0-3). The DC:0-3 is a common system of diagnostic classification to advance the field of infant mental health by:

- enabling parents and professionals to use a common language, relevant to infants and young children, to discuss their observations and experiences;
- providing standard diagnostic criteria that are useful in expanding and improving services for young children and their families.

Primary health care providers must be trained to screen for mental health disorders in young children. The *Mental Health Screening Tool for Children 0-5 Years* (MHST 0-5) was designed to identify children in out-of-home placement who are at moderate or high risk for needing intervention. The MHST 0-5 has been adapted for

use by participating counties under the Infant Preschool Family Mental Health Initiative (IFPMHI). The IFPMHI has developed supplemental sections to the MHST 0-5 that provide a “crosswalk” for mental health professionals to link disorders in very young children described in DC:0-3 to DSM-IV diagnosis.

Dr. Poulsen discussed the markers of emotional health. Social emotional health is noted by:

- Enduring meaningful relationships,
- The capacity to enjoy, initiate, explore, discover, and learn,
- The emotional resilience to cope with the challenges of growing up.

Dr. Poulsen also highlighted the sequence of social emotional development in relationship to school readiness and learning to read. School readiness and reading require children to:

1. Learn to love
2. Love to learn
3. Learn to learn
4. Learn to read
5. Read to learn

In conclusion, it is important to understand the role parents play in establishing the neural circuitry that help children regulate their behavior. We must recognize that dyadic regulation supports self-regulation and support parents in the parenting process by giving them a sense of competency. It is the social capital, or the personal relationships that will help the parent recognize the importance of nurturing, protective, stable, and consistent relationships to the young child’s mental health and well being.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA (FRCN-CA) REPORT

Linda Landry reported on the activities of the FRCN-CA meeting held on Wednesday. The Leadership Training Committee is distributing a survey to FRCN-CA members regarding training needs and “talents”. The outcome of the survey is to match training needs with the resources that have the talent to meet those needs. The Membership Committee plans to have the Regional Representatives contact Early Start FRCs in their region and encourage them to enroll as members of the FRCN-CA. The Legislation Committee continued to define the responsibilities of both the Legislative Liaison and the Legislative Committee, and began developing a list of professional partner organizations that currently review and analyze legislation.

Juno Duenas reported on the Family Voices Projects and outreach. She announced that there are two vacant membership positions and the criteria for application is available. Efforts to inform and educate FRCs on the Medical Home Model will be focus of Family Voices this year.

Ms. Landry reported the meeting included a discussion with Rick Ingraham, DDS Part C Coordinator, regarding a concept paper developed by DDS to procure outside funding to support the infrastructure of the FRCN-CA with data collection and training. The concept paper can be utilized to describe the Early Start FRCs when applying for

funding from outside sources. Mr. Ingraham also discussed DDS' efforts to develop training materials for monitoring teams.

Sherry Torok, Mary Ellen Peterson, Susan Graham and Juno Duenas reported on the current status of SB511 funding. Family Empower Centers funded in first cycle will continue to be funded at the same level of funding for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. No additional Family Empowerment Centers will be funded in FY 03-04. Performance measures developed for those funded in the first cycle will be reviewed prior to any additional funding allocations.

Ms. Landry reported that members in attendance were updated on the issues to be covered in each of the ICC Committees. The prior ICC meeting was reviewed and members prepared to provide input from the FRCN-CA to be shared at the subsequent meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COTW)

Dr. Peterson reviewed information shared at the COTW on the "Transfer of Knowledge" symposium on child care and acknowledged the work completed to date by the planning committee. He reminded participants that the Transfer of Knowledge Symposium will be held November 15, 2002 at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento. Dr. Peterson suggested that Early Start Monitoring become a standing agenda item for discussion at COTW. Future agenda items for COTW were also discussed.

PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE (PAC)

Elaine Fogel Schneider introduced the PAC's new Co-Chair, Hedy Hansen. Thomas McCool and Janet Canning attended this meeting and expressed interest in joining the PAC. The PAC suggested that Martha Sanchez and Nancy Lee be awarded with a certificate of appreciation from the ICC for their service to the PAC. Dr. Schneider thanked Zelna Banks for hosting the Newcomer's Orientation meeting and welcoming the new ICC members.

The PAC continues to focus on Early Start child find and public awareness activities. The PAC has updated matrix of Early Start products and activities for use as a reference document for evaluation purposes. A revised version of the Referral Brochure was distributed and the purpose of the brochure was reviewed. Additional feedback was provided, including format, text and design changes.

The PAC continues to refine elements of the Newcomer's Orientation Flyer and additional uses for the flyer were discussed. For example, it could be used by FRCs to announce ICC meetings or it could be used as a grass roots effort to recruit parents.

Procedures for recruiting, mentoring and sustaining ICC members continues to be a high priority item for the PAC. Information from the last of three conference calls involving NECTAS, the National ICC Parent Leadership Support Project, and parents was distributed. This information included a variety of strategies shared among

conference call participants. A “buddy” system for mentoring new ICC members was discussed.

A joint meeting between PAC and the Health Systems Committee was convened to discuss outreach to physicians and other health care providers. An open discussion by all committee members regarding the challenges of outreach to this group was held. Issues discussed included educating physicians about the value of Early Start and the best vehicles to do that, the potential role of a county liaison, the relationship between service coordinators and physicians, medical home, follow-up for physicians after referrals are made, the role of medical schools, and looking at long-term versus short-term benefits of early intervention.

QUALITY ASSURANCE, PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL STANDARDS COMMITTEE (QAPPSC)

Dr. Poulsen and Linda Landry, Co-Chairs, reported that Ken Freedlander, DDS, presented an overview of eight monitoring processes used by DDS to review local implementation activities. In addition to these measures, DDS commissioned XenologiX, Inc. to design and conduct a statewide family satisfaction survey. Additionally, at the request of the FRCN-CA, DDS collects and compiles Early Start Family Resource Center/Network data.

Mr. Freedlander also provided the QAPPSC with an update on the status of the National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (NEILS), an OSEP funded effort following 3300 children and families from birth to enrollment in kindergarten. The study examines the characteristics of children served, outcomes, parent perceptions of services, IFSP content, amount of intervention provided and issues related to transition. Currently 590 surveys of families with children entering Kindergarten have been completed and over 6800 child records reviewed. The committee suggested that Dr. Kathy Hebbeler, Manager of the Community Services and Strategies Program in the Center for Education and Human Services, be invited to present to the full ICC.

The QAPPSC continued strategic planning for implementation of ICC’s proposed Early Intervention Personnel and Program Standards and has committed to making this activity an on-going effort. A workgroup will be convened to review the proposed personnel competencies, update the curriculum for the Early Start Statewide Institutes and related supervision issues, survey the field for data regarding personnel qualifications, and consider potential implications of the “No Child Left Behind” effort.

Written comments developed by an ad hoc committee regarding the Early Start Family Satisfaction Survey were distributed. The document will be submitted to DDS and provides closure to the discussion.

Cheri Schoenborn reported that the Transfer of Knowledge Symposium is scheduled for November 15, 2002, in Sacramento. Letters will be sent local programs requesting that they contact their local child care planning council regarding participation on a local team at the Symposium. Early Start Program Development funds may be available to personnel serving children birth to 3 years of age.

HEALTH SYSTEMS COMMITTEE (HSC)

Dr. Arleen Downing and Julie Kingsley, Co-Chairs, welcomed Dr. Sylvia Carlisle and Joy Higa as members of the HSC and thanked Toni Gonzales and Gretchen Hester for attending the meeting.

The HSC enjoyed a presentation by Ruth Harris regarding the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association's draft document, *Preferred Practice Patterns for Speech Pathologists in Service Delivery to Infants and Toddlers and their Families: Guidelines for Intervention Planning and Delivery*.

Dr. Downing reported that the HSC continues to examine training issues related to health in Early Start. The Health Status section of the *Early Start Services Coordinator's Handbook* was reviewed and discussed. This led to a discussion of additional service coordinator training that could be provided based on technical assistance papers developed by the HSC.

The HSC continues to develop recommendations for outreach to pediatricians, community physicians and other health care providers, as well as review of existing materials and approaches. The draft white paper "*Maximizing the Effectiveness of Primary Health Care Providers (PHCP) with the California Early Start Program*" was reviewed and discussed. The HSC was not able to come to a consensus on how this paper should be disseminated and agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting. It was agreed that a cover letter should be developed explaining the purpose of the white paper.

The Public Awareness Committee joined the HSC to discuss coordination and planning strategies for outreach to physicians. A discussion regarding the challenges of outreach primary health care providers and strategies to promote Early Start was held. The PAC and HSC will continue collaborative evaluation of both State produced and local outreach materials.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE (FSSC)

George Chance, Co-Chair, stated that Co-Chair Patty Moore was unable to attend the meeting but will return to the FSSC in November. Mr. Chance welcomed Kathi Walker and thanked her for her insights and contributions to the Transfer of Knowledge Symposium (TOK) planning activities.

Sharon Rea Zone provided an update on planning for the *Transfer of Knowledge* Symposium on child care. The *Transfer of Knowledge* Symposium will be held on November 15, 2002, at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The critical next step is the securing of presenters and finalization of the agenda. CDPAC has been discussing the option of follow up through technical assistance from the California Children and Families Commission.

Dr. Peter Michael Miller, author of the resolution titled *Inclusion of Child Care as Part of a 0-18 Public Education System*, provided information about the status of and message

within the resolution. The resolution supports efforts to include child care as part of California's state education plan and program. It was endorsed by the by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in September 2002, and will be reviewed by the AAP Committee on Early Childhood, the Committee on Adoption and Dependent Care, and the Committees on State Government Affairs and Federal Government Affairs. A copy of the Resolution is attached.

ACTION ITEM

The proposed 2003 schedule of ICC meetings, dates, and locations was unanimously approved following a short discussion.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jean Brunelli of the Infant Development Association of California (IDA) provided information about a conference called *Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders (DC:0-3): Mental Health Services for Young Children and Their Families*. The DC:0-3 conference is sponsored by IDA and co-sponsored by the California Infant/Preschool Family Health Initiative. The conference will be held in two locations: October 15-16, 2002, at the Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel, and October 17-18, 2002, at the Lionsgate Hotel in Sacramento. Registration materials are available at www.idaofcal.org

Ms. Brunelli also announced the Infant Development Association of California 11th Biennial Conference called *2003: Making Connections*. This conference will be held March 20-22, 2003 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose.

Ms. Brunelli reported that IDA received a Community Program Development Grant from the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) in order to implement the an educational training series. This project will be called *Senior Moments – Specialized Trainings for Grandparents and Aging Care Providers Caring for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs* and provide outreach, services, and supports for grandparent/aging family members raising infants and toddlers with special needs, including cultural and/or ethnic populations. A Needs Assessment Survey has been developed to help identify needed resources and training topics for the educational training series that will begin in January 2003. The survey form can be printed from the IDA web site at www.idaofcal.org under the topic of training.

Linda Brault provided information on the 18th annual Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children's International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families. The goal of this conference is to provide state-of-the-art information from research, model programs, and public policy regarding early intervention/early childhood special education practices and services. Sponsorship and partnership and volunteer opportunities are available. Additional information is attached and can also be accessed at the conference website www.Dec-sped.org

Terry Colburn reported that Easter Seals of Superior California would be hosting an open house celebrating 10 years of the non-public agency program and three years of the Early Start program. The open house will be held October 8, 2002, from 3:00 p.m.

to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Colburn also reported that the Ninth Annual Inclusion Celebration would be held in Sacramento on Wednesday, October 9, 2002 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The 2002 Inclusion Celebration recognizes outstanding role models who make a difference for individuals striving to belong to inclusive communities, including Pamm Shaw.

Robin Millar shared a pictorial resource book developed by the Ventura County Children and Families Commission titled *My Babies Growing Guide*. The book has information for parents regarding infant and toddler health, well-being and growth, as well as information on obtaining high quality child care and contact information to access local resources. Ms. Millar will provide the ICC committee Chairpersons with copies at the next meeting.

Arleen Downing reported that the Orange County Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics received a grant for childhood injury prevention specifically for children with disabilities. Dr. Downing requested input from interested parties by December 2002. Dr. Peterson requested that the FRCN-CA discuss the issue and prepare input at their next meeting.

AGENCY REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS)

George Chance announced that September 27 is Native American Celebration Day. Festivities organized by the California Health and Human Services Agency will take place on the west steps of the Capitol.

CDSS is in the process of negotiations with the Washoe Native American tribe in Alpine county in order to craft an agreement to increase access to Child Welfare Services pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act (AB 1525) enacted several years ago. It is hoped that this agreement will serve as a template for other tribes. The agreement will allow tribes to access Title IV -B and IV-E funding.

CDSS is working with the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (DADP) to complete a Memorandum of Understanding regarding children and families receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and coping with substance abuse issues.

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS (DADP)

Cynthia Jaynes reported that Kathryn Jett was formally appointed to the ICC by Governor Gray Davis and submitted for the record a copy of her sworn oath. Cynthia Jaynes, Office of Perinatal Substance Abuse, Program Operations Division, will act as Ms. Jett's designee.

Ms. Jaynes reported that the Office of Perinatal Substance Abuse (OPSA) had a \$2.5 million reduction in State General Fund however; the Legislature redirected \$1.5 million of the SAPT Block Grant increase to Perinatal services. The total reduction is \$1 million, which will be taken across all Perinatal programs.

Ms. Jaynes reported the OPSA staff visits to Perinatal Programs are continuing statewide. California Early Start services are discussed and resources are provided including: *Starting Out Together; A Family's Introduction to California's Early Start; The Role of the Health Care Provider*, and fact sheets such as *Family Resource Centers* and *Regional Centers*. Placer County has requested a presentation on Early Start for their November 7, 2002 Perinatal Treatment Team meeting. Pat Hastings, DDS and Ms. Jaynes will coordinate this presentation.

The California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources (CAARR) is conducting a needs assessment and is scheduling technical assistance and training at individual provider sites. A copy of their brochure is attached. CAARR can be reached at (916) 338-9460.

Ms. Jaynes provided information about a new study demonstrating how drinking alcohol during pregnancy interferes with the growth of brain and nervous system cells. The study was conducted by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and was published in the October 2002 edition of the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. A copy of the notice that appeared on the Join Together website is attached.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGED HEALTH CARE (DMHC)

Dr. Peterson provided a report submitted by Joy Higa, designee for Daniel Zingale. The DMHC, through the Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Help Center, has assisted over 40,000 California patients resolve problems with their HMO. One family who was assisted by the HMO Help Center kept DMHC staff apprised on the health of their son, Liam, who had a neuro-degenerative disorder. Ms. Higa learned of Liam's passing earlier in the week and was joining several of her colleagues attending his memorial service on this date. Ms. Higa stated, "It was gratifying to know that we could step in to make sure that his HMO provided the service he needed." A full department update will be provided at the next meeting.

LEAD AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS)

Rick Ingraham reported that the 2002 OSEP National Early Childhood Conference sponsored by the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), would be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC on November 4-6, 2002. The goals of the conference include: gaining a better understanding of research findings and practices; building relationships/linkages with others to promote collaborative work, parental options, and innovative programs and acquiring resources that will lead to implementing successful evidence-based practices. ICC members attending the conference with Mr. Ingraham and a CDE representative include Dr. Raymond Peterson, Hedy Hansen and Theresa Rossini.

Mr. Ingraham reported that DDS has released *Autism Spectrum Disorders: Best Practice Guidelines for Screening, Diagnosis and Assessment*. The publication was developed for and under the supervision of DDS by the Northern California Autism Collaborative with assistance from the Association of Regional Center Agencies. The

publication is available at no charge at www.ddhealthinfo.org. Mr. Ingraham acknowledged DDS consultants Ron Huff and Mary Lu Hickman for their vision and months of hard work devoted to the project. Training sessions for regional centers on best practices for the evaluation and assessment of Autism started in June 2002, and are scheduled to continue through June 2003.

Information was provided about the Health and Wellness Forum 2003. The event will be held October 22-24, 2003 at the Del Mar Hilton. Mr. Ingraham requested the participation of the ICC Committee Chairs in planning an Early Start strand for the Forum. He will contact the ICC Chairs to obtain their input.

Mr. Ingraham reported that the Due Process Mediation and Hearing Request (DS 1802) form is now available in Spanish. This form is used by any party seeking state level action on a disagreement between families and a regional center and/or local education agency (LEA) related to a proposal or refusal for identification, evaluation, assessment, placement, or services to file a request for a voluntary impartial mediation and/or due process hearing. The form may be obtained from the DDS website at www.dds.ca.gov/complaints/compl_eshr.cfm and may also be obtained from the regional center or LEA.

Mr. Ingraham reported that the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has indicated interest in participating in an Early Start monitoring visit. The next scheduled monitoring visit is at the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center in January 2003. Mr. Ingraham also noted that OSEP has made no response following the release of the President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education report, *A New Era: Revitalizing Special Education for Children and their Families* (included in September ICC packet, page 68).

Mr. Ingraham provided information about DDS' participation in a task force addressing children with special healthcare needs. Currently, there are issues regarding confidentiality and exchange of information between health plans and regional centers. It is hoped a resolution will be reached soon. Mr. Ingraham will continue to provide updated information to the ICC.

Mr. Ingraham reported that the *California Early Start for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and Their Families Annual Performance Report July 1, 2000 – September 30, 2001*, is in the approval phase and thanked ICC members and community representatives for their contributions to the development of the report.

Mr. Ingraham provided information about the Early Start Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) Institute Series 2002 – 2003. The deadline for Core I registration has been extended to October 10, 2002. A description of the Institutes and registration materials are attached.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CDE)

Jim Bellotti reported that the 2002-03 Budget includes a reduction of positions statewide. The Special Education Division (SED) currently has 19 vacant positions, 11

of which were abolished.

Mr. Bellotti reported on activities related to State Improvement Grant (SIG). Mr. Bellotti reported that CDE has posted the State Improvement Grant (SIG) Report to the United States Department of Education on the SIG website. The report can be accessed at www.calstat.org. SIG is funding a two-day event, IHE Connections: Addressing the Shortage of Highly Qualified Special Education Teachers on October 3-4, 2002. This training is designed to bring knowledgeable university faculty and educational leadership together to improve communication and coordination of statewide efforts to address the special education teacher shortage. The Partnership Committee on Special Education (PCSE) annual meeting will be held on April 29, 2003. The PCSE meets annually to advise the special education administration on implementation of the SIG. Dr. James Cleveland will attend the meeting representing the ICC. Interested parents may register for the meeting by downloading an application from the Calstat website.

Mr. Bellotti reported on recent Part C collaborative efforts between CDE and the lead agency. Melody James, CDE liaison, has been working with DDS staff to complete the DDS/CDE complaint process procedures. Ms. James and DDS staff conducted a joint training on Part C statutes and policies for the Pajaro Valley School District. Ms. James and two certificated representatives from SEEDS, a CDE contractor, participated as team members on a full scope monitoring review of the North Bay Regional Center catchment area which includes 4 special education local planning areas. A full scope review of the Westside Regional Center catchment area, including the Los Angeles Unified School District is scheduled in October 2002.

Mr. Bellotti also reported on collaboration with the Child Development Division (CDD). CDD is currently involved in many activities to support the inclusion of children with disabilities and other special needs in child care settings. A handout was distributed providing a description of current activities (see attached). Mr. Bellotti encouraged those present to visit the CDD website at www.cde.ca.gov/cyfsbranch/child_development/ for additional information.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHS)

Dr. Hallie Morrow provided a brief update on the impact of the Governor's Budget on DHS Children's Medical Services (CMS) Branch programs. California Children's Services (CCS) physicians and Medi-cal provider rates will increase by 39%, however, there is uncertainty about the specifics as the base rate is yet undetermined. Statewide, 340 positions within DHS have been eliminated, including two positions in CMS Branch. Additional workforce reductions may be necessary later in the year. The Newborn Hearing Screening Program's (NHSP) Outreach and Awareness Campaign budget was reduced by \$330,000.

The Child Health and Disability Program (CHDP) Gateway project received funding and will be fully implemented by July 2003. CHDP is a preventive health program serving California's children and youth. Many children and teens in California, especially those in low-income families, have unmet health needs. Through the CHDP Gateway

program, child or family's eligibility for Healthy Families or Medi-cal will be assessed and expedited, thereby creating a 'gateway' to on-going medical care.

DHS in collaboration with CDE and DDS submitted a grant proposal to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau requesting \$600,000 over a 4 year period to support the NHSP and develop linkages in three ways:

- 1) train audiologists to do diagnostic evaluations on infants and very young children;
- 2) train primary health care providers on the importance of newborn hearing screening and linkage to the Medical Home;
- 3) convene a stakeholders group to determine standards for evaluating children's hearing and evaluate the progress of children receiving services.

Since July 15, 2002, Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach has served as the interim NHSP Hearing Coordination Center (HCC) for southern California. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was released in July 2002, to select a long-term contractor(s) by competitive bid process, however no applications have been received to serve the southern California area. A new RFP is in the evaluation process and will be announce in October 2002.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Peterson encouraged those present to review the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities State Plan 2002-2006. The 2002 State Plan covers the time period from October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2006. It addresses specific information required by the federal Administration on Developmental Disabilities, and includes the Council's determination of priority issues and resulting goals and objectives for the five-year time period. Dr. Peterson expressed concern that the plan does not adequately address prevention and the birth to three population. The State Plan can be accessed at www.scdd.ca.gov/our_plan/Online_2002_Plan.htm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.